

States to approve House Resolution 842, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana Congressional delegation."

POM-267. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Appropriations.

"JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

"Whereas, the Conservation Biology of Rangelands Research Unit of the Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Reno, Nevada, was not included in the federal administration's budget for fiscal year 1995-1996, beginning on October 1, 1995; and

"Whereas, the closing of this Unit will have severe impacts on the management and restoration of rangelands in Nevada and adjacent intermountain states; and

"Whereas, this Unit has been consistently rated as one of the most productive in the nation per dollar spent per scientist, which is attributed to the frugal, appropriate and productive use of federal money; and

"Whereas, Nevada receives less than 1 percent of the federal money expended for agricultural research in the western states; and

"Whereas, the Conservation Biology of Rangelands Research Unit's research on both preventing wildfires and restoring burned vegetation is essential to this state because wildfires cost the residents of the State of Nevada millions of dollars annually for suppression, and for loss of livestock, wildlife, habitat, watershed cover, private property and on occasion the loss of human lives; and

"Whereas, the Unit's research on the replacement of, and biological suppression of, cheatgrass has great ecological and economic significance to Nevada because cheatgrass has increased in dominance from less than 1 percent to nearly 25 percent on 19,000,000 acres of sagebrush rangelands during the last 30 years, with the invasion greatly increasing the chances of ignition, rate of spread and the length of the wildfire season; and

"Whereas, this unit is the only research organization conducting weed control experiments in Nevada, with a major role in weed control of tall whitetop (*Lepidium latifolium*), potentially the most biologically and economically devastating weed ever to invade Nevada's meadows and croplands; and

"Whereas, the Unit's research on adapted plant material, seedbed preparation and seeding technology for arid and disturbed lands is important to Nevada because mining reclamation is critical to the mining industry, which in turn is critical to the economy of Nevada; and

"Whereas, the Unit's research in general is critically important to Nevada because it provides a communications link between the users of Nevada's wildlands and the concerned environmental, scientific community and because maintenance of biological diversity is a major scientific and environmental issue in Nevada; and

"Whereas, without the Conservation Biology of Rangelands Research Unit, Nevada would become the only significant agricultural state that does not have an Agricultural Research Service research unit; and

"Whereas, there are no existing research units capable of filling the loss created by closing the Nevada unit: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the members of the 68th session of the Nevada Legislature urge the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain funding in the fiscal year beginning on

October 1, 1995, for the Conservation Biology of Rangelands Research Unit of the Agricultural Research Service, USDA, in the State of Nevada; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is hereby urged to appropriate money for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 1995, for the Conservation Biology of Rangelands Research Unit of the Agricultural Research Service, USDA, in the State of Nevada; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the House Appropriations Committee and the House Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval."

POM-268. A resolution adopted by the Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce of the City of Homestead, Florida relative to Homestead Air Reserve Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-269. A resolution adopted by the City and County of Denver, Colorado relative to securities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

John Raymond Garamendi, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Charles B. Curtis, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mrs. KASSEBAUM, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources:

Jeanne R. First, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 1999.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1102. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make reimbursement of defense contractors for costs of excessive amounts of compensation for contractor personnel unallowable under Department of Defense contracts; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GLENN (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 1103. A bill to extend for 4 years the period of applicability of enrollment mix requirement to certain health maintenance organizations providing services under Dayton Area Health Plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROTH:

S. 1104. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on dichlorofopmethyl; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1105. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on thidiazuron; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. 1106. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same insurance reserve treatment to financial guaranty insurance as applies to mortgage guaranty insurance, lease guaranty insurance, and tax-exempt bond insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. SIMON, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. PRESSLER):

S. 1107. A bill to extend COBRA continuation coverage to retirees and their dependents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 1108. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate that up to 10 percent of their income tax liability be used to reduce the national debt, and to require spending reductions equal to the amounts so designated.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1109. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Colbran Reclamation Project, Colorado, to the Ute Water Conservancy District and the Colbran Conservancy District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 1110. A bill to establish guidelines for the designation of National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1111. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1112. A bill to increase the integrity of the food stamp program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. SIMON):

S. 1113. A bill to reduce gun trafficking by prohibiting bulk purchases of hand guns; to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1114. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to reduce food stamp fraud and improve the food stamp program through the elimination of food stamp coupons and the use of electronic benefits transfer systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1102. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make reimbursement of defense contractors for costs of excessive amounts of compensation for contractor personnel unallowable under Department of Defense contracts.